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NEW MEMBERS

The Membership Committee of this Association has recommended for membership the following attorneys:

Roderick Johnston,
 Warren L. Jones,
 Roy C. Hecox, Jr.,
 Carlos G. Stratton,
 Frank A. Wachob,
 Joseph A. Murray.

All of the above will be voted on for membership at the next regular meeting, October 5, 1925. Anyone desiring to inquire about any of the above should communicate with Allen Moore, chairman of the Membership Committee.

All members are urged to use their best efforts toward inducing the newly admitted attorneys to become members of this association at once. Please forward the name of any such prospective member to Mr. Moore.

RE MINIMUM FEES

Ben Hilliard told a funny story in Colorado Springs the other night while addressing the Colorado Bar Association, which appears quite in point. He said that a Ford and mule met on a country road and the mule asked the Ford, "What are you?", and the Ford replied, "an automobile." "What are you?" it asked the mule, and the mule thereupon answered, "Haw, haw, I am a horse."

The writer has just learned that the lawyers in Jacksonville, Florida, are charging a minimum fee of \$75 for each title examined and they can't turn out the work fast enough. Denver is still plugging along on what the lawyers in Denver charged during and after the panic of '93, and I wouldn't be surprised if they were getting a whole lot more in the early nineties.

Why should an abstract charge be \$15 and no more? Some property is valued at \$1,000 while other property is valued at \$50,000, yet, invariably the charge remains the same. Some abstracts have fifty entries, while others have more than one hundred and twenty-five printed entries. Some abstracts take two hours to examine, while others are not completed in that many days. The writer believes that when a lawyer charges an inadequate fee, he not only hurts himself, but harms the profession as a whole.

Many firms are now charging \$25 for each examination, and if additional time is necessary for closing the deal and making out the deeds, mortgages, etc., an additional charge is made on the basis of \$5 per hour. This is not enough under all circumstances, but, at least, it is a start. Let us all charge a minimum fee of \$25 for each examination, and let the real estate men and banks charge a like amount.

—Contributed.

DID YOU DUE IT?

Since the appeal in the last Record for the payment of membership dues, the Treasurer has received checks for twenty-nine additional members. The Association needs your check for \$6. You need write no letter; merely send your check to the Secretary in the Symes Building with a notation thereon that it is for your 1926 dues.